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**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS** *//*

Cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice, and add claims 12-34, which follow:

- a1*
- Claim 12 A method for treating a subject with a pathological condition involving a gamma interferon mediated effect in progression of said pathological condition, comprising administering an amount of a penicillin sufficient to exert a therapeutic effect on said subject.
- Claim 13 The method of claim 12, wherein said pathological condition is an autoimmune disease.
- Claim 14 The method of claim 12, wherein said penicillin is penicillin G or penicillin V.